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[REDACTED] 21 August 1949

25X1C 1. a. The following observations were made in COTTBUS (N 52/A 57):

Sachsendorf Kaserne:

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Occupied to capacity by about two thousand troops. Some guns were observed in the Kaserne area.

Hermann Loens Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops. Tanks were allegedly parked in the woods behind the Kaserne.

Funker Kaserne on Burger Chaussee:

Occupied to capacity by a unit of about five hundred men, allegedly a supply unit.

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b. The Alvensleben Kaserne on Viehmarkt was occupied by artillery units with 24 guns of about 100 mm caliber.

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c. The following motor vehicles were identified in the streets of COTTBUS:

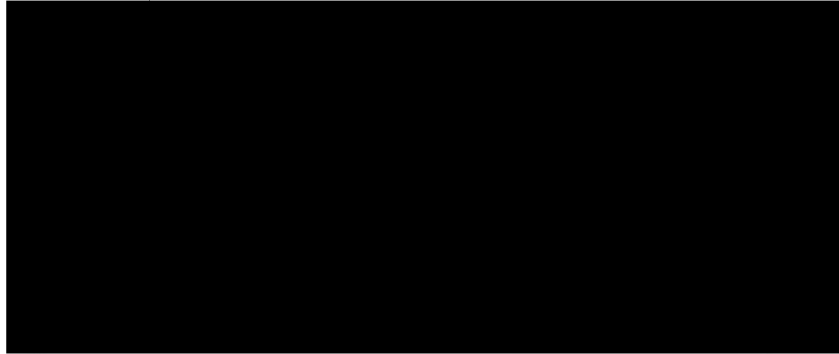
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2. a. A train of 3 boxcars and about 20 gondola cars, each carrying one truck, was observed at the COETBUS freight station. The truck [REDACTED] was observed. 25X1C

22 August 1949

b. A tank unit, which was stationed at the airfield, was detrained at the COETBUS railroad station. The three hundred troops of the unit were detrained in the evening, while the tanks were unloaded and driven away during the night. Maj KOTOLINSKI was identified as CO of the tank unit in the former Funker Kaserne.

24 August 1949

c. The German population was ordered to evacuate the "Lennbahn" and "Hindemuehlen" settlements near the COETBUS airfield. The former Bismarck Schule, COETBUS, was again requisitioned, allegedly to serve as officers' mess and club.

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8 September 1949

3. The following observations were made in COETBUS:

a. Former Artillerie (Alvensleben) Kaserne on Viehmarkt:

Occupied by artillery units with about four hundred troops, including recruits between 18 and 20 years of age. Four 122-mm guns, three 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brake and two battery commander's telescopes were observed in the Kaserne area. The passenger car [REDACTED] left the Kaserne. 25X1C

b. Hermann Loens Kaserne:

Occupied by a tank unit. Three tanks were parked in front of the barracks. No training of troops was observed. The truck [REDACTED] with hoisting gear was seen in the Kaserne area, and the passenger car [REDACTED] leaving the Kaserne.

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c. Former Funker Kaserne on Burger Chaussee:

Occupied to capacity by six hundred troops. About a hundred troops were trained in the Kaserne area with four 37-mm anti-aircraft guns on four-wheel mounts. The truck [REDACTED]

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occupied by 10 soldiers, was used for drivers' training in the kaserne area. The passenger car [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] moved into the kaserne.

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d. Sachsendorf Kaserne, south of COITBUS:

Occupied to capacity by about two thousand troops. The trucks [REDACTED] were parked in the kaserne area.

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9 September 1949

4. The following observations were made in COITBUS:

a. Sachsendorf Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by units totaling about two thousand troops. About five hundred troops, allegedly antillerymen, left the kaserne by truck, taking quartering equipment with them. The trucks were allegedly going to FROBENBERG (C 52/A 15). [REDACTED] were secured. +

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b. Hermann Loens Kaserne:

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Occupied by units 1,500 to 2,000 troops. Thirty T 34 tanks and a tank repair shop were observed in the kaserne area. Trucks with the following numbers operated in the kaserne area:

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c. The following motor vehicles were identified in the streets of COITBUS:

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Comment:

Local residents stated that about a thousand troops with 20 T-34 tanks and two trucks had arrived in COITBUS on 31 August 1949 aboard a train coming from the direction of FROBENBERG (C 52/A 77). The troops had moved into the Sachsen-dorf Kaserne.

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Comment:

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a. From the information supplied by [REDACTED] on the COITBUS military post from mid-August to early September 1949 it is assumed that most of the COITBUS units of the 9th Heerz Div (Cadre) were in their kasernes at that time. However, it cannot be determined if the reported troops in the COITBUS kasernes were primarily recruits, since some of the combat units were reported absent on maneuvers. For example, it is assumed

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from previous information that component units of the 9th Heerz Div (Cadre) were engaged in field exercises in the BERDER-AMRENDORF training area and in the area south of WEISSWASSER.

b. Maj ROTOLI, SHI was identified for the first time in the COMBUS Punker Kaserne. The 1719th AAA Regt (Cadre) of the 9th Heerz Div (Cadre) is assumed to also be stationed in this Kaserne, according to previous reports.

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